JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The names of Directors other than the Chief Executives, nominees of Government and Reserve Bank of India, workmen and non workmen employees directors appointed by Central Government on the Boards of Nationalised Banks and the Central Board of State Bank of India (SBI) during the last 3 years from 1-8-1984 to 31-7-1987 are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 119].

The tenure of non official directors appointed on the Boards of Nationalised Banks as prescribed by the Nationalised Banks (Management & Miscellaneous Provisions) Schemes, 1970 and 1980 is for a period not exceeding three years subject to the pleasure of the Central Government. In terms of the provisions of the State Bank of India Act, 1955, non official directors appointed on the Central Board of SBI under the provisions of Section 19(1)(d) shall hold office for four years and until their successors are appointed.

(c) At present no non official director on the Board of any of the Nationalised Bank is holding office continuously beyond 3 years. No non official director directly appointed by the Government on the Central Board of SBI under the relevant provisions of the SBI Act, 1955 is holding office continuously beyond 3 years.

(d) Non official directors are not paid any regular emoluments for functioning as Directors on the Boards of Nationalised Banks or on the Central Board of SBI. However, they are paid prescribed sitting fees for attending the meetings of the Board or its Committees. At present a non-official director on the Board of Nationalised Banks/Ceneral Board of SBI is paid per meeting sitting fees of Rs. 150 for attending Board meeting and Rs. 75 for attending meeting of the Committee of the Board. Information relating to the total amount of such sitting fees paid to the non official directors during the last 3 years is not readily available.

Report on bird hazards at the Airports

3014. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bombay Natural History Society had undertaken a study of bird hazards at Agra and 21 other airports at the request of the Aeronautics Research and Development Board of the Ministry of Defence;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Society had submitted its recommendations in 1981; and

(c) if so, whether the recommendations of the Society have been given effect to, if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL):(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Society had submitted its report in respect of 2 airfields in 1981 and 3 airfields in 1984. Its report on the remaining airfields is awaited.

(c) The recommendations of the Society have been processed by the Ministry of Defence in respect of IAF airfields and by the Ministry of Civil Aviation in respect of civil airfields. Most of the recommendations relate to sanitisation of areas outside the airfields, which is the concern of State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and local bodies. The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have been addressed by the Ministry of Defence/Ministry of Civil Aviation/Ministry of Agriculture to take remedial measures in this regard.

Registering agreements by R.B.I.

3015. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the minimum requirements and/or verifications the Re-

serve Bank of India is supposed to be doing before approving/registering any agency agreement by an Indian Company with its foreign agent wherein payments of Commissions are involved in foreign exchange;

(b) whether it is not mandatory on the part of Indian Company appointing agent abroad to give full and correct name and address of the foreign agent.

(c) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India have approved the agency agreement of M/s. Bombay Dyeing with their agents in West Germany whose address is nowhere on the records of R.B.I.; and

(d) whether Government consider such a lapse a gross violation, if so, what action is contemplated against concerned parties/officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) In accordance with the provisions contained in Exchange Control Manual, any Indian company desiring to register an Agency Agreement with its foreign agent should submit through an Authorised Dealer an application in prescribed form in duplicate accompanied by the Agency Agreement correspondence exchanged with Agents where formal agreement does not exist in original together with certified copy thereof. RBI registers the Agency Agreement if the rate of commission agreed to between the Indian exporters and their foreign agents does not exceed the permissible limit and there are no clauses in the Agreement which are contrary to current Exchange Control Regulations;

(b) It is necessary on the part of the Indian company appointing an agent abroad to give name and address of the foreign agent;

(c) RBI have not registered any Agency Agreement of M/s. Bombay Dyeing with any agent in West Germany during the last 3 years;

(d) As no lapse or violation has come to Government's notice, the question does not arise.

RBI permission for sending dividends to Nepal

3016. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Biswa Vyapar Private Limited company and Sterling Industrial Agencies (P) Ltd. Kathmandu own shares in the Bombay Dyeing and Manufacturing Company and receive the dividends paid by Bombay Dyeing;

(b) if so, whether the permission of Reserve Bank of India has been usually obtained while sending dividends to Nepal or any other country;

(c) if so, give details of the dividends paid to them in the last three years along with the taxes paid by these companies.

(d) whether business of these companies involve any violation of FERA regulations; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (e) According to available information, Biswa Vyapar Pvt. Ltd. and Sterling Industrial Agencies Pvt. Ltd. Kathmandu are holding shares in Bombay Dyeing and Manufacturing Co. Ltd. Remittances of dividends to Nepal through banking channels do not require RBI's permission. Information regarding dividends paid to the above two companies by Bombay Dyeing and taxes paid by them either to the Indian or Nepalese Government is not available with Government. No FERA violation by these Nepalese companies has come to RBI's notice in respect of their shareholdings in Bombay Dyeing and the dividends remittances thereon.